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An arena for all ages

The diversity of A. G. Ross Arena user groups was definitely showcased in the Family Day Fun Hockey Game, where players from micro novice to adult took to the ice for some friendly competition. And no, you're not seeing things, there really were two Oil Kings goalies on the ice at one point, along with another pair for the Avalanche defending the other net in the 5-all tie.

A. G. Ross Arena salutes founding 'family'

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

This year's Family Day celebrations at A. G. Ross Arena drew the largest crowd ever, as generations of the 'arena family' gathered to salute the vision and determination of the community leaders of the early 1970s who made the facility a reality.

"Today, we celebrate Family Day with our families at home, and our arena family that we grew up with, that became like family to us," Elk Point recreation director Jena Colbourne said as a very special commemoration event got underway. "We celebrate the group who said, 'We need an arena,' and who put in the hard work that made it happen."

"It is very fitting that on Family Day, we recognize those individuals who played a big part in the project,"

said Albert Boratynec, who spearheaded planning for last Monday's event, as he spoke on the arena's user groups as well as the organizations

The skating club "brings together parents for a variety of events," such as the ice carnivals, which require hours and hours of effort to assemble props, costumes and music, Boratynec said. The first skating club president was Ruth Anderson, who now lives in Tennessee, he noted, as he called forward today's president, Kelly Radcliffe, to unveil Anderson's photo.

Minor hockey leadership involves recruiting players and sponsors as well as scheduling and, in earlier days, Boratynec said, "buying groceries" for the concession. He thanked the business community "for pitching in" to support their endeavors and recalled concession workers cooking burgers "in electric frying pans on tables; we were always

popping breakers, but we managed, and we survived." The "visionary" who was Elk Point's first minor hockey president, Ray Hellquist, is still active in the community but unable to attend the event, with his photo unveiled by today's counterpart, Jason Pankiw.

"This facility wouldn't be here without the Agricultural Society. To acquire

the funds, the society had to organize many events." Fundraising, loans and grants "all took time off work and away from farming, and even people who didn't have kids got involved." The community bought lottery tickets that paid the annual payments on a bank loan that Ag Society members co-signed.

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ARENA PIONEERS - Photos of the first Elk Point Minor Hockey president Ray Hellquist, first Agricultural Society president Larry Babcock and first Skating Club president Ruth Anderson were unveiled during the 'Arena Family Reunion' on Family Day.

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Arena Reunion

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Adult recreational hockey teams, such as the Elk Point Bucs, the Gopher Chokers (which he said were named by Ron Onusko after a team in Saskatchewan), the Moose Mountain Mavericks, the Lindbergh Last Knights and B & R Bullets all drew crowds to the arena and helped to offset operating costs, as the Elk Point Elks of the Centennial Hockey League and later the SaskAlta Hockey league did, and still do today.



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- March 7th in Ashmont from 9:30-12:00pm at the Seniors Lodge,
- March 10th in Mallaig from 9:30-12:00pm at the Seniors Centre.
- March 16th in Elk Point 9:30-3:00pm at the FCSS Office (ECHO Centre)

"I wish I had two weeks to tell you all the stories," Boratynec said, adding that Larry Babcock, who was among Monday's visitors, "accepted the responsibility" of being the society's first president. Babcock's photo was unveiled by Doug Bassett.

An informative and interesting power point presentation created by Marvin Bjornstad and Ray Hellquist and narrated by Bjornstad outlined the history of the arena and its predecessor, an outdoor rink, where "snow and cold could stop hockey," although the weather did not prevent a 1938 team from competing in the provincial championship.

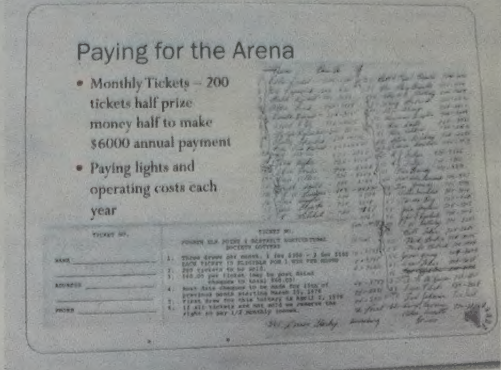
In the 1960s, he said, "hockey moms Marion Tredger and Helen Petrosky were asking questions of town council about the possibility of a covered arena." A recreation board headed by Ed Pankiw was formed in 1968, and a year later, that board agreed that an arena should be built. In December of 1970, Mayor Mike Habiak turned the first shovel of snow at the site at an event that featured a torch parade and the presentation of donations from organizations toward the estimated \$93,000 cost of the arena. Edwin Nelson was the contractor for the project and a matching grants from a federal youth work program helped

to fund some of the labour. Fifteen-year-old Victor Stepa was one of those workers, and spent his summer on the shingling crew. The arena was completed in the fall of 1972, and soon had a full complement of teams for minor hockey, including two Tom Thumb teams.

The slides from the power point were also displayed in the lobby, along with other memorabilia, from hockey crests of bygone years to examples of Hellquist's game scheduling paperwork and clippings from the arena's grand opening in February, 1974, giving visitors ample opportunity to view them while they munched hamburgers and hot dogs and sipped hot chocolate and coffee served up free of charge by Town Council and CAO Ken Gwozdz.

Then it was into the arena itself, where all ages had already been enjoying the day's session of free skating, for a fun-filled hockey game starring a number of Elk Point's volunteer firefighters, RCMP Sgt. Barry LaRocque and Elk Point Minor Hockey players from micro novice to midget age. A cross-section of players were divided into Avalanche and Oil Barons teams, and provided some excellent action as they battled to a 5-5 tie. Chase Dorey and Jeff Oracheski scored two apiece for the Avalanche crew, with Matthew Quinney adding a single, with assists by Dorey, Oracheski and Derek Berg. Nic Tucker and Warren Plunkie each scored two for the Oil Barons, with Nathaniel Cousins adding the other marker, while Avery Warawa and brothers Brendan and Gavin Kadustski provided the assists. The players had a little help at one point from not only referee Brian Poitras, as he borrowed a stick and assisted with defense, but also the spare goalies, who also got in on the action. And of course, it's very rare that a hockey game doesn't include a fight, and this one dissolved into an all-out, bench-clearing wrestling match at one point, but it was all in fun, and only two penalties were recorded as a result.

Intermissions in the game featured some more graceful on-ice action, thanks to the Elk Point Skating Club's performers, who also opened the game by carrying in the flags during the playing of O Canada. Kaylee and Keanna Radcliffe performed solos during the first intermission, while Chyanne Fisher, Catherine Noftall and coach Candace Braun skated during the second, giving the crowd a sneak peek of the skating skills they will enjoy next month when the club holds its annual carnival.

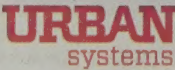


ANNUAL PAYMENTS on the arena building loan were paid from the proceeds from a lottery held by the Agricultural Society, with 200 tickets priced at \$60 sold annually and draws for \$200, \$100 and \$100 held each month. The proceeds also helped to pay for electricity and operating costs.

Vicki Brooker photos



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ASHMONT LAGOON EXPANSION - PREQUALIFICATION OF RESPONDENTS

The County of St. Paul (County) requests the submission of statements of qualifications from general contractors interested in providing services for the **Ashmont Lagoon Expansion**. Currently, wastewater is treated through the existing facultative lagoon facility. The Ashmont Lagoon Expansion consists of expanding the existing facility into a larger facultative lagoon to increase treatment capacity. The general works include, but are not limited to:

- Site earthworks for the construction of additional storage and facultative cells including:
 - Approximately 285,000 m³ of material excavation
 - Approximately 35,000 m³ of clay liner construction with select onsite material
 - Approximately 250,000 m³ excess material to be disposed onsite
- Modifications and connections to the existing lagoon
- Underground sewer installation
- Roadway construction for a facility access road
- A truck dump station
- Restoration and reclamation of areas disturbed by construction activities

This is NOT a request for proposal or a call for binding offers or tenders and no contractual obligation shall arise between the County and any Respondent as a result of this request for qualifications or the making of any submission in response to this. This is a request for information only. Respondents wishing to be considered for the tenderers list for the above project MUST make a submission in response to this request. Failure to make a submission will prevent any prospective respondent/tenderer for this project from any further participation in this procurement process. Evaluation by the County will determine which Respondents will be invited to participate in the Invitation to Tender.

Request for Qualification documents will only be distributed electronically in digital format (pdf format) at: www.merx.com/urban.

All submissions shall be in a secure sealed envelope and clearly marked with both the name and address of the Respondent and the following text:

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Attention: Jared Halter, P.Eng.

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REMINISCING about the early days of A. G. Ross Arena, first Agricultural Society president Larry Babcock and his wife Donna check out the details of the power point display created by Marvin Bjornstad and Ray Hellquist.



BOOTH SHIFTS have always been a tradition at A. G. Ross Arena, and on Family Day, it is traditional for Town Council and staff to take on this duty. Couns. Dwayne Yaremkevich and Lorne Young, CAO Ken Gwozdz, Couns. Bernice Capiack (and not shown) Debra McQuinn and volunteer Ted Koska served free burgers, hot dogs and beverages to Monday's hungry crowd.

'Bobs & Lolo' a huge hit

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Feb. 12 visit to Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre by award-winning Vancouver singers, songwriters and children's entertainers Bobs & Lolo was a perfect way for young families to start off the Family Day weekend.

The dynamic duo and their guitar player, Mario, were on a six-stop mini tour of Alberta for their second Family Day in two weeks, as BC celebrates the holiday a week earlier than Alberta.

The two took no time at all to have the floor in front of the stage packed

with excited youngsters who pranced, danced and cavorted along with their television favourites through a freeze tag dance, jumping in imaginary puddles and dancing like tiny shadows just to start the show.

The Juno award winners are the creators and stars of a very popular television show and were recently named Kids' Favourite Television Entertainers, a designation that is no surprise to the parents and other adults who were also entertained by their Elk Point performance, hosted by the Elk Point Allied Arts Society.

Bobs and Lolo lead the fun.



MLA Dave Hanson addresses Council on Aging

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

MLA Dave Hanson and lawyer Christina Tchir were guest speakers when the Alberta Council on Aging Region 2 met Friday in Elk Point.

Hanson said there had been no recent announcements from the province regarding seniors, but added that projections that 25 per cent of the population in 2030 will be over 65 years of age concern him. "We're going to be in crisis" if adequate preparation is not made to cope with that situation, he said.

"We should try to give people more choice, to live in their own homes or assisted living, with the assistance they need." At the present time, he noted, some facilities do have vacancies, including Two Hills, which currently is at 70 per cent occupancy.

He is also concerned with the provincial budget, for which no date has yet been confirmed. The possibility of a massive deficit has him convinced that "someone's going to have to see the light. We've got a rope

on them, trying to hold them back (from overspending) and we can't really afford cuts." Seniors are already complaining about the quality of food in one facility, "where they're trying to feed them three meals a day on \$5.45 per person. We've got the shadow minister working on it. We will try to do as much as we can but sometimes it's like pushing a rope," he said.

"The good news," news that the ACA had been waiting to hear, "is that the (seniors' facility) bathtub is installed in Lac La Biche. It only took four years, and they upgraded the shower facilities as well." Also in Lac La Biche, Alberta Health Services has committed to move the dialysis unit out of the bus where it is currently housed and into the hospital. "I don't care if I get the credit for that, it just needs to get done," he said.

Hanson would like to see changes in resident assessment information forms for those in care. "They're 14 pages long and if the doctor changes medications, the nurses have to start over. RNs should be spending time with patients, not on paperwork."

Regarding seniors' transportation, Hanson said Edmonton has volunteers who are reimbursed for mileage when they take seniors for medical appointments. "It's harder in rural areas and it makes a long day." Mobile clinics have been investigated but have drawbacks, but, Hanson noted, "there's nothing wrong with private clinics where fees are covered by AHS."

St. Paul resident Paul E. Boisvert and St. Paul Mayor Glen Anderson were told by Minister of Health Sarah Hoffman that she will visit the area by the end of June, and asked that Anderson and other mayors put together a list of concerns. "What I got out of the meeting is that we will never return to local hospital boards and Health Advisory Councils are now longer effective," Boisvert said.

Hanson said the minister "has been cooperative. She came to Lac La Biche and was instrumental in getting the tub installed. In our discussions with the government, they want to keep the status quo with AHS."

Diana Anderson noted that the position paper presented to the former government had asked that facilities of 100 beds or less have their own budget, as money could be saved that way.

Regarding medical transportation, Hanson said he didn't know "if something can be organized locally. Bonnyville is trying to set something up." Problems include the impossibility of synchronizing appointments for multiple clients. Funding for transportation may be a way to address the problem, Hanson said, adding that ambulance service also has issues that include waiting long hours in city hospitals due to

emergency department bottlenecks.

Wildrose's commitment is freedom of choice "so seniors have some options and get assistance at home," Hanson said. "It's a money saving option and I think the province has to concentrate on this in the future and work together." He also feels that seniors need to get information on what assistance is available through the province, as well as federally.

Later in the afternoon, Tchir, a St. Paul lawyer, gave a comprehensive rundown on wills and estate planning, guardianship, power of attorney and personal directives, and emphasized the importance of all adults to have these documents in place to save money and dissent among family members.

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Tuesday, March 8, 2016

7:00 P.M.

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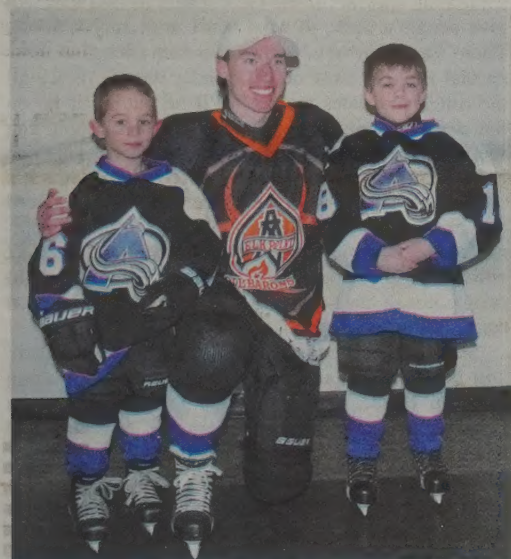
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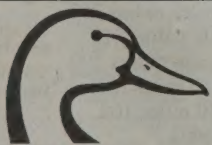
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Brian Plunkie photo

HOCKEY PALS - Eighteen-year-old Warren Plunkie, in his last year of midget hockey and the oldest player on the team, shared the ice with six-year-olds Braylee Lesyk (left) and Brendan Kadutski (right) during the Family Day game, which Warren's dad felt "is a key part of what the event meant," with fun for all ages.



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EDITORIAL

PINK it up and be kind to others!

This is Random Acts of Kindness Week in Elk Point and tomorrow is **PINK** Day, a day to raise awareness of the need for prevention of bullying.

Kindness and anti-bullying efforts go hand in hand, because bullying is almost as unkind as it gets. We usually think of bullying as something that happens on a playground, but it actually affects people of all ages, from tots to seniors, with the widespread age group found in both victims and bullies.

Yes, children will bully each other, and sometimes they bully their parents and caregivers, and vice versa, and may grow up to bully spouses, significant others, co-workers and aging parents. One very disturbing scenario has been a focus of television news stories recently, where elderly nursing home patients were mistreated by their caregivers - totally unacceptable.

Children need to learn early in life how unacceptable bullying is, and to have that message reinforced on a regular basis. Tomorrow, when local students wear pink shirts to school, is that kind of message. Please support this initiative, and be kind to others.

YOUR VIEWS

Seniors' housing just for seniors

To the Editor:

The MD of St. Paul Foundation Management are not following their own policy "that only seniors are allowed in seniors' lodging." These structures were built by the Alberta Government and officially opened by Hon. H.J. Yurko, Minister of Housing & Public Works, strictly for seniors in specific communities. Anyone allowed to reside in these seniors' lodging, in my opinion, is breaking policy. I presume seniors are considered 65 years and older.

Younger people who are not seniors should not be allowed in these dwellings. Why are they being allowed?

Most seniors have a slower pace in their last days of their lives. Anyone younger allowed in have different attitudes, leading to bullying of older people, and basically are not compatible in seniors' dwellings.

Younger people in the dwelling create a pressure atmosphere on older people; they have different ideas. I am certain there are other options for younger people with special conditions who would be considered by other government agencies.

To conclude, the basic idea of the MD of St. Paul Foundation to fill rooms is not acceptable. I realize bills have to be paid, but more options should be explored to ensure only seniors reside in these buildings.

Final note: when I moved into Buckingham in June of 2014, the manager at the time told me I had to be 65-years-old.

Carmine Maglione Sr.
Buckingham House, Elk Point

PUBLISHER'S NOTE - According to Brigitte Sakaluk, CAO for the MD of St. Paul Foundation, the MD's policy allows people with "low income and social need" to stay in the self-contained units at Buckingham House, with the understanding that if a person 65 or over needs to use the facility, people who are under that age are given a three-month notice period to vacate to accommodate the senior. The issue is to be discussed at an upcoming board meeting, she says.

RECREATION CORNER

Geocache 'treasure hunt' a great summer 2016 holiday adventure

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

The Lakeland Geocachers are planning a Mega Event that will come through Elk Point for this July, and they need your help to pull it off. The group needs 300 Geocachers signed up as attending before geocaching.com will classify the largest treasure hunt the Lakeland has ever seen as a "Mega Event". The group is almost there with over 250 participants registered. Member of the Lakeland Geocachers, Vicky Lefebvre, says it's important for people to [go on the website and register, geocaching.com](http://go.on.the.website.and.register.geocaching.com).

The event will see Geocachers from all over the world searching for caches in and around Elk Point. The event will have a big trickle effect on our economy and upwards of 500 people are expected to participate in the event!

"At geocaching.com, under our registration number GC5ZFA4, we have about 250 confirmed. We've had more people register, but that's not what Geocaching is looking at," Lefebvre explains people actually have to confirm with the website. She also anticipates there a lot more people confirmed than what the site reflects, "they only look at one name. So ours (her husband and her) is Team GandV, for example and we're two people, but it only shows as one registrant to them." In some cases there are large families and they're registered as one Geocache name.

"We want people to come and say they'll attend, you don't have to register just yet, but say you'll attend." Lefebvre says it'll help attract more Geocachers from all over the world when the group reaches the Mega Event Status. Even now there are Geocachers from Sweden, Nunavut, and America signed up as

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attending.

Lefebvre explains the event won't just help Cold Lake. The Geocachers will touring other stops in the Lakeland, including neighbouring communities, St. Paul, Elk Point, Glendon, Cold Lake First Nations, and Bonnyville. Each community is working on something special for the Geocachers to find that will give people a sense of what that community is about. There's an element of surprise to each cache, so these special trinkets must be kept under wraps. "Once all the times and dates are set we'll be putting it up on our website, sailsrilstails.com, and then people can see what they can do and what's out there. That can help them plan their holiday." Lefebvre explains it's the group's goal to help the entire region benefit from this event. "People will be staying in different communities," Lefebvre says the economic trickle effect will be felt throughout the Lakeland. "We have eight people just in our family, and we'll want to go to each community."

Since caches are placed all over the Lakeland, there will be stops at tourist destinations like those along the Iron Horse Trail, Fort George and Buckingham House, Cold Lake Fish Hatchery, the Museum, and Kinsoo Beach, with fun adventures at each designation planned. To entice even more participants, Lefebvre says the group plans to place Live Caches, which means they are only available for ten days. This will attract the biggest enthusiasts, confirms Lefebvre, "Geocachers will want to go to them because they get special icons on their profiles." The plan is to distribute them throughout the neighbouring communities to help stimulate the economy and have people stopping at local businesses.

Caches in the Lakeland

Cold Lake 138 - within 10 miles radius 416
Bonnyville 17 within 10 miles radius 287
Glendon 11 - within 10 miles radius 207
St Paul 28 - within 10 mile radius 213
Elk Point 14 - within 10 mile radius 199
Smoky Lake 11 - within 10 miles radius 218
Waskateneau 5 - within 10 miles 108
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PRIZE WINNING PRESENTERS - The winning presentations at the St. Paul 4-H District Communications Competition were made by, left to right: Bradley Dubrule, first senior, Nicole Bristow, second senior, Darianna Boorse, second junior, Ashley Bristow, second senior, Taylor Lessard, second intermediate, Rebecca Kotowich, first intermediate and Kiana Devlin, first junior.

All seven 4-H clubs win at District Communications

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

All seven clubs in St. Paul 4-H District were represented in the winners' circle at Sunday's District Communications Competition, hosted by the Elk Point 4-H Beef Club at the Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre.

Five individuals and one duo were introduced by mistresses of ceremonies Heidi Tymko and Kailey Wirsta as they came on stage to compete in the Presentations section. Kiana Devlin of St. Paul Light Horse, who was first on the program, also placed first in the Junior competition with her photos and narrative of her summer holiday spent "Riding in the Mountains." Darianna Boorse of Elk Point Multi was second with her slide show and display, entitled, "I am a Collector."

St. Paul Multi Club member Rebecca Kotowich, whose "Becca's Green Thumb" display and discussion included everything from a portable garden

to a rototiller and came complete with "seven easy steps" to growing one's own produce, placed first in the Intermediate section, followed by Taylor Lessard of St. Paul Light Horse, whose display focused on her favourite television show, "Little House on the Prairies."

A fact-filled discussion on DNA called "The Ladder of Life" earned first in the Senior category for Bradley Dubrule of St. Paul Multi, who plans to follow a career in that field after graduation. Second place went to Ashley and Nicole Bristow of Elk Point Beef Club, with their slide show on their 2015 trip to Paris.

A total of 17 members competed in the Speeches section, with the first speaker of the afternoon, Mercedes Trefanenko of St. Paul Multi, winning the Junior category with a speech all about her, entitled, "Let's Ask," and an impromptu that perfectly answered the question, "What is 4-H?" Carson Dechaine of Boscombe Multi placed second with his wise and witty "Survival



DISTRICT'S TOP SPEAKERS - The winning speakers at Sunday's St. Paul 4-H District Communications Competition were, back, left to right: Spencer Graling, first senior, Mary Dechaine, second senior, Cameron Kuzma, first intermediate, Maria Bilodeau, second intermediate; front, left to right: Carson Dechaine, second junior and Mercedes Trefanenko, first junior.

Tips" and an impromptu on his favorite sport, baseball.

Cameron Kuzma of St. Paul Multi took home first in the Intermediate section with a speech she called "B U" that explored the differences birth order can make in a person's traits and how to be who you really are. Her impromptu dealt with the importance of computers in modern life. Maria Bilodeau of Goodridge took second place with "Life to the Fullest," where she emphasized that we all have our own idea of success, and an impromptu on her hobbies of art, reading and music.

Spencer Graling of St. Paul Multi went right to the heart the issue on low oil prices and the subsequent loss of jobs, which he said has made St. Paul "not its usual self" in his winning Senior speech, "Thrive", and followed that with an impromptu on the benefits of "The Most Important Thing I Learned in 4-H" - public speaking. Second place went to Mary Dechaine of St. Lina Beef, who voiced her frustration with "The Box That We Are Forced to Fit Into," namely the assumption that all Grade

12s plan to, immediately head for more education. Her impromptu dealt with the advantages 4-H has given her for adulthood, which she said included public speaking.

Also representing their clubs in the speech section were Georgia Sallstrom and Danica Corbiere of Boscombe, Lexi Wirsta and Macey-Ann Marcoux of Elk Point Beef, Shaylynn Klatt of Elk Point Multi, Bree Seguin, Paige Kwiatkowski and Isabelle Janz of Goodridge, and Sherease Dort, Danielle Chamberland and Sydni Fedoruk of St. Paul Light Horse.

Junior presenters and speakers were judged by Penny Fox, Maxine Fodness and Charlotte Hedin, Intermediates by Thelma Watrich, Lana MacDonald and Gloria Lecopoy and Seniors by Rhonda Lafrance, Amber Gooler and Kaitlyn Deitrich. Teller and timers were Lucille Smith and Ellen Seward, and Heather and Roy Tymko presided over the Impromptu table.

The Communications Competition was sponsored by Servus Credit Union, AltaLink and UFA.

Good news for IHWC

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Elk Point and District Interagency Health and Wellness Committee heard a very positive report from Elk Point Health Care Centre Facility Site Manager Kristen Peleshok, who told the group that one additional casual RN will start in mid-March, with overall RN staffing at an adequate level. A third physician will be starting around that same time, and will be based in Dr. Oyebo's clinic. She was also happy to report that work commenced on the Health Centre's roof on February 8 and is now slated for mid-April completion.

In reply to a question from the committee, Peleshok said there is not a need for more beds to be opened at this time. "We are almost full, but not over capacity. Our patient base will stay the same with three doctors; they are just splitting the workload. We may see an increase later."

Margaret Modin passed on Loris Kozina's report that Heritage Lodge currently has three vacancies, and noted that the Alberta Council on Aging would be holding a meeting at the Seniors' Centre on Feb. 19.

Terry Shankowski reported that the volunteer tax preparation program for seniors would soon be underway at FCSS. She noted that the economy appears to be affecting residents, with increased visits to the food bank and requests for other support services.

Margaret Modin later circulated a list of items required by the Baptist Church food pantry, listing juice in individual boxes or litre cartons, pancake mix and syrup, nut butters, jam, cereal, instant oatmeal, rice, soups, canned goods including beans, meat and fish, vegetables, fruit and tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, pasta and pasta sauce, granola bars and fruit snacks. The list emphasized that items should be checked for expiry dates before being donated.

Town Coun. Lorne Young brought forward the growing need for transportation to get some seniors to medical appointments. There is a shortage of volunteer drivers for the handi bus and limited other transportation options. Town council representatives will be taking the issue to the MD of St. Paul Foundation meeting later in the month.

Look at us now!! Midgets, Peewees provincials bound

Right after the Family Day weekend last year, minor hockey was virtually all over for us. Every one of our minor hockey provincial teams, bantams, peewees and atoms had been eliminated from the provincials in the first or second round. Some of our teams, including the Pee wee Girls Storm, failed to make the league playoffs, the only team left competing at that time was our pee wee team, who did go on and eventually win the North East Tier 2 banner as league champions, but that was it, the rest of our teams were finished. They did a few exhibition games or packed up for the year.

One year later, and look at us now! Family Day has come and gone and all of our teams are still playing. What an awesome year our Elk Point minor hockey is having! Two of our teams, the Midgets and Pee wee Avalanche, are now going to the provincial finals on the March 10 to 13 weekend and two more of our teams, the Bantams and the Atom No. 2 team are only one round away from going as well. And on top of that, all of our teams, including the Pee wee Girls Storm, are in the playoffs! WOO-WOO!!

The thrill of the victory and the agony of defeat were so true for these guys this past week. Winning the first, best of three, league playoff game Thursday

night in Irma, in overtime 4 to 3 was the high point of the week. Irma was a team that the Avalanche always played well against but still never seems to be able to beat, always losing by a goal or two at the most. And the fact they did it without their team captain, 'Captain Crunch' Carson Ference was an



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added bonus. 'Captain Crunch' suffered a season-ending shoulder separation in a league game against Provost over a week ago and the team is really going to miss his leadership skills, and not only that, his intimidating, bone crushing presence on the blue line as well. Christian 'Wheels' Castle Wasson on the board scoring the first one, 'Dead Eye Dylan' Odgaard with three goals including the winner in overtime. The second game was here last night, Monday, after press time, the third game, if necessary, will be back in Irma.

The Midget Avalanche team had already qualified to go to the provincial final in Provost, three weeks ago by winning over Smoky Lake, but still had to play the final

series against Lamont; the winner representing the zone the loser going to the provincial final as the wild card. The first game ended all tied up at 6-all in Lamont two weeks ago, the series coming back to Elk Point this past Saturday night. The Avalanche getting on the board first with a goal by 'the Big O' Brody Odgaard, but the Hawks would answer less than a minute later with one of their own, the game tied 2-all after the first period with a goal by 'Awesome Alex' Hunter. Into the second, the Avalanche started to power out at the half way point, going down 5 to 3 after 40 minutes, 'Dead Eye' Dylan the only goal in the second. Coming out flying, the Avalanche would tie it again in the first five minutes of the third period, 'Dead Eye' getting another one, followed by 'Awesome Alex' with his second, but that was all she wrote for the Avalanche. The gas tank getting low and running on fumes, the Hawks swooping in for the kill, our boys losing this one 7 to 5. Warren 'Night Shift' Plunkie, Austin 'Astro' Axley, Bowen Krider and 'Tricky Nick' Tucker all with an assist, but the biggest story here was stellar goaltending by Shayne 'Hercules' Hurtubise, who faced 64 shots and gave the boys every possible chance to win this one.

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Welcome from EPOA President

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On behalf of the EPOA, I would like to welcome all those who are attending and involved in this year's event. Some of you have been here year after year, and it is always our pleasure to welcome you back for more competition. Others are newcomers and we are very glad to have you on board – the more the better!

This year's bonspiel has had some major challenges, including a breakdown of the curling rink ice plant that made it necessary for us to postpone our event for a month. Special thanks to all of you who were able to reschedule and are with us this weekend! Also, thanks to all those who worked so hard to get the plant going again and to Curtis Porcina and his crew for all the extra hours they put in to make it happen. No doubt the recent grant the curling club received from the County of St. Paul has helped a lot as well.

Thanks also to my hard working committee for

rolling with the flow and helping to change all our carefully made plans to reflect the new date.

Another challenge is, of course, the plunge in oil prices, which has drastically affected not only the oil and service companies, but virtually every business in the area. The way times are right now, it is really good to see the continued support we have received for the event from our sponsors and from all those who have donated toward the bonspiel. It is because of your generosity that we can continue on and be hopeful of better times to come.

In closing, I wish all the best to this weekend's curlers, as they 'hurry hard' and shoot for the button. May the weekend result in new friendships and lasting memories, and at least for a while, help us forget the challenges we face in our day-to-day lives as we focus on the challenges we face one game at a time. Enjoy your weekend, curlers and guests, and please make use of our shuttle service to get you home safely.

Ryan Hahn, President
and the Elk Point Oilmen's Association
Bonspiel Committee

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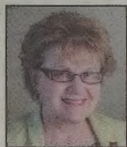
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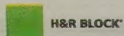
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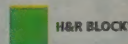
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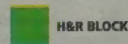
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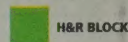
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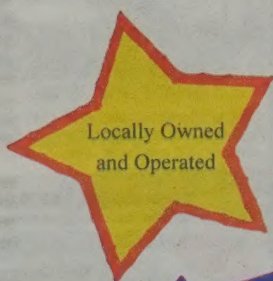


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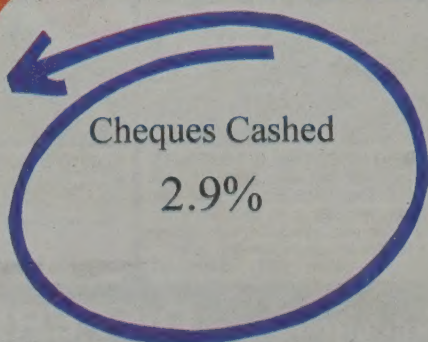
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Avalanche, Storm all going strong

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The high flying **Peewee Avalanche** have been having one fantastic year, winning the first round of playoffs this past week over St. Paul in the two game total point series; in fact they showed no mercy to our friends to the northwest and really hammering them 10 to 2 in the second game this past Thursday. Then, winning the provincial round game one against Marwayne 5 to 2 on Friday in Marwayne and again, back here on Sunday winning 8 to 1, sends them to the provincial final in Boyle. Every player on the team played a role in their victories. They still have one series left against Boyle but are already in the final as the zone winner or zone runner up. The provincial final tournament is also in Boyle.

The **Atom No. 2** team coached by James Capjack and Shane Fontaine and the bantam team coached by Greg Van Maarion and Kristoff Ludlage are still waiting to play their final round of provincials; a two-game, total-point series.

The Bantams will play Redwater here at home this coming Saturday at 5 p.m. and the Atom team will be playing Marwayne sometime this week as well. The winners of those series will be going the big show the weekend of March 17 to 20. There have been times in the past when we have sent two teams to the provincial finals, but I never remember ever sending more than that, so a big pat on the back to all the coaches for tremendous player development.

The **Atom No. 1** team finished league play this past weekend with a big 7 to 1 win over Wainwright. The win giving them third place in the league and it looks like they will be playing Provost for their first round of playoffs this coming weekend. A really good team effort in this one. A hat trick for 'King Kong Konnor' Poitras, 'Bazooka Joe' Cardinal, Phoenix Canning, Vaughn 'the Vulture' Ockerman and Sam 'Spiderman'

Rogal all scoring one each, Wyatt Pavoll and Gavin 'Giver' Kadutski with an assist each. Terrific back checking by Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa and great shot blocking by the big D Man Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman, Goalie Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk coming within nine seconds of another shut out.

The **Micro Novice** played amazing in St. Paul in a tournament there this past Saturday, losing a close one in their first game to the host team 13 to 7. Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk with a hat trick, he also received the Heart and Hustle award. Straight shooter Wyatt 'Earp' Fontaine hitting the target with two goals, Boe Johnson and Brendan Kadutski with one each... then in their second game, a real nail biter, the Avalanche winning over Mallaig 9 to 7. In fact, this was their very first win of the year and if you watched it you would have thought they had won the Stanley Cup, the whole team parading around the ice after the game with their sticks high in the air. Wyatt 'Earp' Fontaine, scoring a hat trick, received the Heart and Hustle award, Braylee 'BJ' Lesyk also with a hat trick, 'Notorious Nolan' Ballas, Riley 'Coyote' Bourne and Brendan Kadutski with one goal each. Every player contributed in some way, some making big saves, some making assists or creating turnovers.

Back home at the dome, the **Novice Avalanche** team played an exciting game here on Saturday against St. Paul, the game getting really crazy in the last minute and a half when the Avalanche scored two goals: Bang! Bang! The final score 7 to 4 for St. Paul. 'Timmy Joe' Cardinal with a really nice one timer, assisted by Charlotte Henderson for the first one. Smooth skating defenseman Brendon 'Blue Line' Haesch going coast to coast to bury one, 'Good Time Charlie' Lesyk tapping one in off of the speedy center man 'Top Gunner' Crawford who set him up in the slot and point man 'Bo Diddy'

Fontaine getting the green light going in all alone getting one with 32 seconds left on the clock to make for an exciting finish. You may say it was too little, too late, but I say this team played great! I personally noticed so much improvement from the last time I watched them play. Defenseman Raif 'Rug Rat' Evans Anderson, Kale 'Ever Ready' Hoeving, Sebastien Brousseau and Evett 'Snoppy' Smereka were all very solid on the defense, helping out their goalie 'Cyclone Cole' Pierce who faced close to 35 shots. Nice fore checking by Lincoln 'Park' Pankiw, 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa, Anna 'the Banana' Henderson, Kaysen DeMoissac and Kadyne Bourne.

"You've come a long way baby!" Challenges are what make life interesting. If it was an easy task, anyone could do it. Yes, its a real challenge every week for the **Peewee Girls Storm**, but the fact that are in playoffs this year means a lot to the team confidence and it showed on the ice on Sunday when they played game one of their playoffs against Lloydminster. They actually believed they could win against a team that is close to the top of the league and kept the game within reach until very late in the third period. A year ago, they would have thrown in the towel after the first 10 minutes and it would have been a struggle to get the puck anywhere past the red line. The girls lost on Sunday, but came out holding their heads high, knowing they never gave up. Halle 'Comet' Stybel scoring for the Storm, Paula 'Hollywood' Hladunovich with the assist. Game two is going tomorrow night in Lloydminster.

And now for the K.A. quote of the week. "Happiness begins where selfishness ends. You cannot live a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you." Last week's answer to: "Every time you are not practicing someone else is." -Boris Becker

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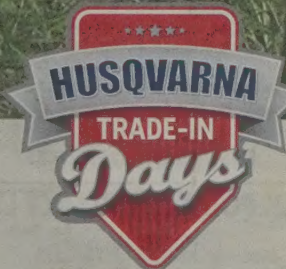


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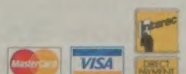
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COLLECTION - Ivomec jugs we have collected over the last two years with some of our members.

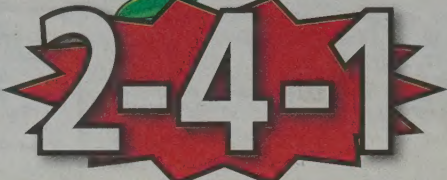
4-H Beef Club report

DALLAS BRISTOW
Club Reporter

In the last month we have had a meeting at Bristow's. We took a picture with all are Ivomec jugs; thanks to everyone for donating Ivomec jugs and boxes to are club. We had three members that went to 'You be the Judge.'

On February 7th we had our club Public Speaking. Thanks to our judges, Glenda MacNeil, Lynn Usenik, and Carrie Oracheski and our timer and teller Ellen Seward and Lucille Smith. Congratulation to all our winners: Junior - 1st Lexi Wirsta, 2nd Jayci Marcoux; Intermediate - 1st Macey-Ann Marcoux, 2nd Dallas Bristow; Senior Presentation 1st Ashley and Nicole Bristow, 2nd Roy Tymko. Thanks to our sponsors, Knotty

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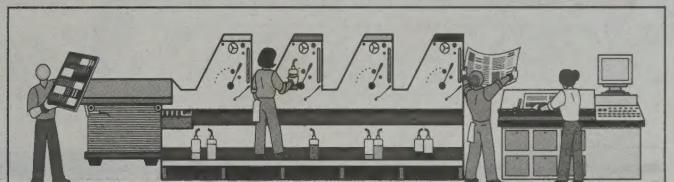
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Elks 2015-16 hockey season comes to abrupt end

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The Elk Point Elks 2015-16 season came to an abrupt end on Family

Day weekend, with back-to-back defeats at the hands of the Hillmond

Hitmen.

Saturday night's game saw at least 275 fans

packed into the A. G. Ross Arena to cheer on their favourites, with the

hometown crowd's spirits soaring as Chevy Botting scored for the Elks less than two minutes into the game, off assists by Myles Whitford and Jordyn Wozniak. The Hitmen tied the score five minutes later, but the Elks took advantage of a Hillmond penalty to take the lead again, with Wozniak and Scott Ward assisting Grayson Brown on the power play. Hillmond evened the score again with a power play of their own, to head to the break tied at 2-2.

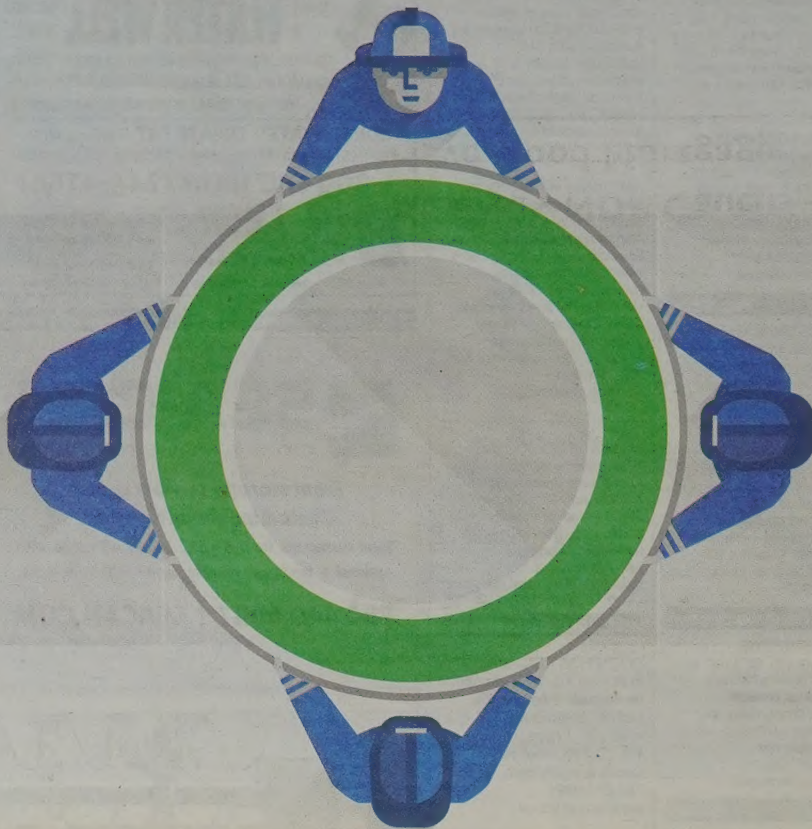
The Hitmen definitely lived up to their name in the second period, slamming two goals past Elks netminder Paul Boulianne in a mere 28 seconds to start off the period, and kept the scorekeeper busy writing down penalties before their third goal of the period wound up the night's scoring.

Both goalies were on high alert in the third, slamming the door on all comers, to keep the score at 5-2 in Hillmond's favor for the rest of the game.

Sunday afternoon, with the series sitting at two games apiece, the Elks headed across the border for the tiebreaker, where the Hitmen started off both the first and second periods with goals and would score midway through the third while still keeping the Elks clear of their net.

Elks captain Devin Moneta finally hit the target with just under nine minutes left to play, assisted by Whitford, in what would be their final goal of the playoffs, with Hillmond adding an empty net goal for a final score of 4-1.

Hillmond now takes on the Marwayne Comets, who won their series over Kitscoty Monarchs, in the second round of SaskAlta Hockey League playoffs, while the league-leading Wainwright Rustlers take on the fifth place Dewberry Mustangs.



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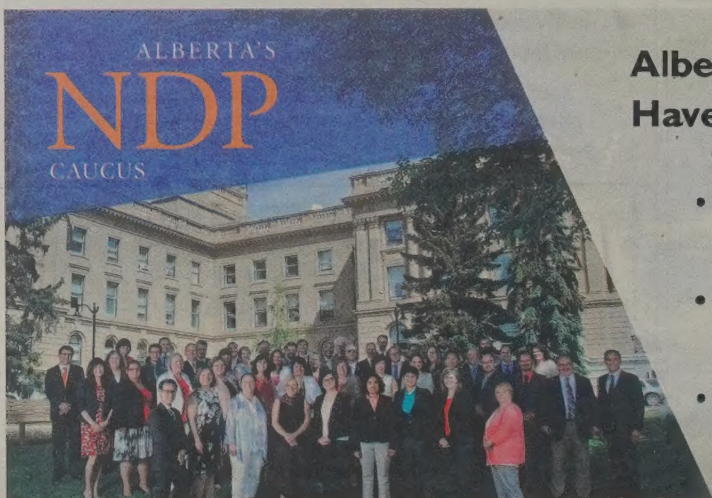
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